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-- Liberal columnist Mohammed Musaed Al-Saleh penned in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas under the title "America's Bidoons [stateless residents]" (06/30):

"President Bush's initiative to appoint a special envoy to the Islamic Conference will not lead to better understanding and cooperation because the problem is with American policies towards the Muslim world and not the lack of an envoy. Bush should work on changing the policy of double standards. Only then will relations improve. This is more important than symbolic gestures like the appointment of a special envoy."

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